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# Schools failing to protect women

**metr** EXCLUSIVE

## Dal incident cited in report on sex assault



**Michael Woods**  
Metro | Ottawa

A lack of co-ordination between Canadian colleges and universities has resulted in a "patchwork of services" to prevent and respond to campus sexual assaults, says a newly released document.

A federal briefing note also reveals wide gaps in campus assault data — and suggests the government may need to consider tak-

ing an American-style approach when it comes to reporting cases of sexual violence.

Status of Women Canada prepared a briefing note for then-minister Kellie Leitch in March after some high-profile incidents brought attention to the issue of sexual violence against women on campuses. Metro obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

One of the alleged incidents involved members of the University of Ottawa men's hockey team, and resulted in the program's suspension and two players being charged. Another incident involved Dalhousie dentistry students who posted misogynistic comments about their female

classmates in a private Facebook group — also revealing sexism is deeply-rooted in the faculty.

The note spells out actions taken across Canada, including public awareness campaigns and new policies. Status of Women Canada has funded initiatives on campuses across the country. But it also says co-ordination and more data are needed to get a better handle on the problem.

"There does not appear to be an overall co-ordinated focus of sexual violence prevention and response efforts, resulting in a patchwork of services on campuses across Canada," the document says. "More could be done, particularly to encourage bystander intervention and in-

volvement."

The note also said there's a lack of comparable data about

incidents of sexual violence on campuses, meaning the government may need to examine a legislative approach such as the Clery Act in the U.S., which requires federally funded universities and colleges to share information about crime on campus.

"More could be done to encourage universities and colleges to develop a common reporting

framework as well as improve transparency in tracking and reporting incidents," the note says.

Several provinces have developed or are developing sexual violence policies.

Ontario's \$41-million sexual assault action plan, for example, includes a requirement for colleges and universities to adopt a sexual assault policy and publicly report rates of sexual violence.

The note recommended three actions for Leitch, including host-

ing a roundtable on the subject and writing to 80 university presidents to encourage them to address the issue on their own campuses, and the need for a common framework for collecting and reporting data. The briefing note indicates she accepted all the recommendations. It's unclear whether the roundtable ever occurred.

"It would not be appropriate for the current government to comment on previous government's commitments," department spokeswoman Audrey Jacques said in an email.

She said Patty Hajdu, the newly-appointed status of women minister, will take a "close look" at the issue of violence.



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Roland Alexander shows off some of his vintage Star Wars toys at his house Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Collector connects generations

### HOBBIES

### Star Wars fan selling rare, vintage memorabilia

**Julia Manoukian**  
For Metro | Halifax

If you're in the market for original imperial walkers or rebel starships, look no further.

One local collector is helping connect the past to the present by selling his collection of vintage Star Wars memorabilia.

Roland Alexander, owner of the online store Retro Revolution Records, said what interested him about Star Wars collectables

wasn't just how well they were marketed, but how well they were made, too.

"The only thing that bothers me is letting it go after having it for so long," Alexander said about his collection, which he's been gathering for almost 20 years. "But I've been able to appreciate it."

With the exception of a Naboo N-1 starfighter, all the pieces are from the '80s and '90s — most notably, a Millennium Falcon from the Empire Strikes Back, still in its original box, retailing for \$600.

But Alexander didn't just dust off his collection to make a fortune.

"I brought them out because it's time to clean them up and let somebody else enjoy them," he said at his Halifax home Tuesday.

Alexander managed a tire store for 29 years, eventually leaving to pursue his dream: selling records, which he did for 18 years before moving his remarkable 8,000-piece collection online.

"Just turned an interest into a business," he said.

It wasn't until his kids got into Star Wars that he started collecting and putting the toys aside himself.

Alexander's Falcon is his most unique item. He actually has two — both 1979 Vintage Kenner Canada versions — but only one comes with the original box, which he says is extremely hard to find.

"Sometimes the box is half the value of whatever you're selling," he said, noting when the toys first came out people didn't

realize how valuable packaging would be and just let kids tear it apart.

Because of this, he says pricing is difficult.

"You get on eBay and you get different places to use as a reference point and you have to go with that."

Compared to record sales that are "taking off like crazy," Alexander says sales for Star Wars collectables have been slow. But considering he's just starting to put many of his pieces online, he's confident demand will pick up in the coming months — especially as the Force awakens a new generation Thursday.

**Alexander's collection includes this Return of the Jedi lunchbox.**  
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# Officer murder case put off

## COURT

## Accused will be back in court in January



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

The man accused of killing an off-duty Truro police officer in September appeared briefly in Halifax provincial court Tuesday morning via video link.

Christopher Garnier, 28, is charged with second-degree murder and indecently interfering with human remains in the death of Catherine Campbell, 36.

On Tuesday, Garnier appeared via video link from the Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Pictou. He could be seen



**Christopher Garnier, seen at the provincial court in September, is charged with second-degree murder.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

on a television screen in court wearing an orange shirt, and holding a telephone to his ear.

His case was moved to a different courtroom for a Jan. 12, 2016 appearance when he will

set a date for a preliminary inquiry, which his lawyer said would take "at least a week or more."

Defence lawyer Joel Pink said Tuesday he's almost received



**The late Const. Catherine Campbell.** METRO FILE

full disclosure of the evidence against his client in the form of a hard drive, though he's waiting for two more pieces of evidence, which he expects to have by the end of the month.

Pink said his client will not be making a plea until he is before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Pink said Garnier appeared via video link Tuesday, and for

his last appearance, because "it's easier."

"Rather than having to transport him back from Pictou to here every time for a 30-second appearance, it doesn't make sense," he said.

Pink said he and his client have not decided "when and if" they'll make an application for bail, which would have to be done in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

In the meantime, Pink said his client is holding up well behind bars. "He's doing fine," he said. "Of course anyone in his position is apprehensive, but he's doing fine."

Campbell's body was found under a ramp to the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge in the early morning hours Sep. 16, after she'd been reported missing two days earlier when she failed to show up to work at the Truro police station.

## SYRIAN REFUGEES IN CANADA

## City hall to open drop-off centre



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Halifax City Hall is opening a drop-off centre to accept donations for Syrian refugees.

In a news release issued Tuesday, Halifax Mayor Mike Savage's office said it is opening a centre in the Argyle Street building Thursday morning, in cooperation with the provincial government amid preparations to welcome refugees.

Accepted donations for the city hall location include small items like winter outerwear (hats, mitts, scarves); backpacks and school supplies; toiletries; baby supplies (diapers, baby wipes); and gift cards for groceries and household goods.

The news release said volunteers will then coordinate taking the items to the larger donation centre at the former RONA location in Bayers Lake.

Large items like furniture, electronics, and household items as well as financial donations will not be accepted, Halifax Regional Municipality said.

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The drop-off centre will be open this Thursday, Friday and next Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## CRIME

## Liquid cocaine found in cartons of juice

RCMP have charged two Toronto-area men they say smuggled about 44 litres of liquid cocaine into the Port of Halifax by hiding it in orange juice cartons.

The Mounties say customs officers noticed the cartons while inspecting a sea container carrying food products from Trinidad and Tobago on Nov. 16.

RCMP say they linked the shipment to two men, who were arrested on Nov. 26. Details of the investigation are

only now being released.

Norris Williams, 46, of Whitby, Ont., and Lincoln Strachan, 46, of Mississauga, Ont., are both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, importing drugs into Canada, and conspiracy.

They are due back in court Jan. 22.

RCMP say that amount of liquid cocaine is roughly equivalent to 24 kilograms of powdered cocaine.

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## IN BRIEF

### Dartmouth family's pet killed by strange dog

A dog entered a Dartmouth family's home Monday on Fourth Street and pulled a pet dog outside where it was killed, police said. Officers searched the area for a dog matching a resident's description, and found it on a neighbouring street. The dog was handed over to Animal Control officers. Halifax police are now working with animal control in the investigation.

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## DARTMOUTH

## Woman robs taxi driver at knifepoint

A taxi driver was robbed at knifepoint by a woman early Tuesday morning in Dartmouth, police said.

Halifax Regional Police said they received a call from a taxi driver just before 2 a.m. He had been robbed by a woman at knifepoint in the Trinity Avenue avenue.

The woman then ran away with an undisclosed amount of money to the area of Alfred Street, according to a news release.

The suspect is described as a white woman who appears to be about 30 years old. She has a medium build and dark hair, and was wearing a black jacket and dark hoodie at the time of the crime.

Police said the taxi driver was not hurt. The incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (902) 490-5016, or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers.

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**CHRISTMAS CAROLLING AT THE AIRPORT** Members of the Dartmouth All-City Youth Choir perform during a noon-hour concert at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Woman killed in Highway 103 crash

## QUEENS COUNTY

### Poor weather likely to blame

The South Shore highway has claimed the life of a second Queens County woman in two weeks.

Nova Scotia RCMP officers were still on scene of a three-vehicle crash on Highway 103 between Bridgewater and Blockhouse on Tuesday evening.

A 73-year-old woman from Queens County died and a 68-year-old man was in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said in a media release.

Lunenburg District RCMP,

Emergency Health Services paramedics and four Lunenburg County fire departments were called to the crash around 1 p.m.

RCMP said the highway will be closed between exits 11 and 12 throughout the night Tuesday.

This is the second fatal accident on the 103 this month. A 29-year-old woman was killed Dec. 3 in a three-vehicle crash near Liverpool.

RCMP spokesman Const. Mark Skinner said the two crashes were not similar events.

"We believe weather played a factor in the collision," Skinner said. It was raining throughout the afternoon.

"Driving during adverse

weather conditions can be difficult at the best of times, we would ask individuals if at all possible to slow down and take your time."

Skinner extended the condolences of the RCMP to the family — and the first responders.

"When an event like this happens, it impacts everyone involved, it impacts the family, the friends of the person who is deceased, the people that are injured, and the first responders as well," Skinner said.

"It is difficult to be involved in a situation like this so our thoughts go with the family and the friends of those involved at this particular time."

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## FATALITY

### Head-on collision claims another life on rainy roads

An 81-year-old man died Tuesday evening from injuries suffered in a head-on collision on Highway 101 near

Coldbrook.

Kings County RCMP were still on scene of the fatal two-car crash later Tuesday night investigating the scene near Exit 14. Police and emer-

gency personnel responded to the crash just before 6 p.m. Paramedics transported both adult occupants of the small car to hospital with serious injuries. METRO

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# A testament to the journey

## STANFIELD AIRPORT

### Art piece mixes historical and modern travel in Canada



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

It took Aylan Couchie more than 30 hours to make a plane sculpture out of birch bark, but she managed to pull it off.

The reason? Couchie was one of 10 NSCAD University students enrolled in the art school's Advanced Sculpture Workshop. The course required each student to design, create and install a sculpture at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

A total of eight art pieces will be on display at the Halifax airport until September 2016.

"It is very exciting," Couchie said at the airport Tuesday. "I feel good that I've put forth something that is interesting to look at (and) a little bit different."

Couchie is an indigenous woman from Northern On-



**NSCAD University student Aylan Couchie** stands with her birch bark plane installation, entitled **The Current Current**, which was unveiled Tuesday at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

tario, who was inspired by her late grandfather's work making birch bark canoes.

"I started thinking about the history of transportation in Canada," said Couchie. "The voyageurs and the indigenous

peoples of Canada used to travel ... via birch bark canoe. Whereas now, we fly."

The title of Couchie's piece — **The Current Current** — refers to both water currents and air currents.

Adonika Jayne based her piece, **The Wait is Over**, on immigration. Specifically, it focuses on the process of gaining permanent residency in Canada.

"(The title) refers to the long waiting periods applicants go

**"The voyageurs and the indigenous peoples of Canada used to travel ... via birch bark canoe. Whereas now, we fly."**

Aylan Couchie

through while they wait for an answer, whether that be positive or negative," said Jayne.

Jayne is not Adonika's real last name, but her artist pseudonym. Her airport installation is made of blank identification cards. It's set up in the windows near the airport's security line, spelling out the phrase, "The wait is over."

"It's a very personal piece for me because my partner just went through the application to get permanent residency," said Jayne.

This is the second time the airport has partnered with NSCAD's Advanced Sculpture Workshop. In 2012, art pieces from 12 students were installed throughout the airport.

## PREPARATION

### This is just a test

The province is testing a new emergency alert system over radio and television Wednesday afternoon.

The Alert Ready system allows emergency management officials to send out public alerts during emergencies, according to a release.

The national system includes both private and public broadcasters working together with government organizations.

"We have learned from past events that we need to take advantage of every possible way to communicate during emergency situations," Zach Churchill, minister responsible for the Emergency Management Office said in the release.

The Emergency Management Office will send a test through the alert system at 2:55 p.m. on Wednesday.

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# Tuition hikes 'dire'

MOUNT ST. VINCENT

## Students protesting 20% fee jump



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Student leaders say Mount Saint Vincent University is putting students in a "dire" situation if tuition rises.

The school's board of governors were met by nearly a dozen students silently holding posters in the hall to the meeting room Tuesday evening on campus for a special vote on the proposed 20 per cent hike over three years.

"It's important for the students to fight back," Jon Grant, vice-president of advocacy for Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVUSU), said before the meeting.

"We have students relying on things like food banks and counselling services; we're seeing increases in those."

The students' union also presented close to 400 hand-written postcards to the board, with the



Mount Saint Vincent University students outside a board of governors meeting Tuesday. The results of the board's vote on a tuition hike are expected Wednesday. JEFF HARPER / METRO

phrase "freeze the fees" on one side. Many were taped along the stair and walls leading to the meeting.

"Student poverty shouldn't be the norm — have some compassion," one read, while a student from the Bahamas wrote the school can't let fees go up because "it's already hard for us."

Some board members raised a hand in solidarity with the waiting students or thanked them for the post cards, while others walked by in silence.

Grant said the proposed reset, allowed due to the Liberal government lifting the cap on tuition increases this April, is proposed as 6.5 per cent for three consecutive years for all undergrads.

That means full-time arts students paying \$6,400 in tuition would spend an extra \$5,000 over the next three years. The hike would hit MSVU hard, since the campus has above-average rates of students being the first in their family to attend

university, mature students, and most come from middle- or working-class backgrounds, Grant said.

"Students are outraged about these fees simply because they can't afford it," Grant said.

"The situation is pretty dire." The vote comes just a week after NSCAD University's board approved a 27 per cent increase over three years for those taking 15 or more credits. The University of King's College approved a proposal to raise tuition in 2017.

REHABILITATION

## Programs for blind in peril, CNIB says

**Julia Manoukian**  
For Metro | Halifax

Nova Scotia has committed to reinstate the 30 per cent funding cut for vision rehabilitation services, but the executive director of the regional Canadian National Institute for the Blind says that still isn't enough.

"While this commitment is a step in the right direction, restoring funding to previous levels does not yet adequately cover the costs of delivering rehabilitation for Nova Scotians who are blind or partially sighted," said Pamela Gow-Boyd, CNIB's executive director and regional vice-president for Atlantic Canada.

Health Minister Leo Glavine announced Tuesday the province would restore the \$155,000 that the Liberal government had cut in April 2014.

CNIB projects the cost for vision rehabilitation therapy

in Nova Scotia in 2016-17 is \$1,002,972. Even with the reinstatement the government falls \$317,512 short.

"We're at a point where cutting a position does not mean longer wait times; it means services that are not offered anywhere else in Nova Scotia will be eliminated," said Gow-Boyd. CNIB was forced to eliminate 5.25 positions due to the lack of funding.



**Services that are not offered anywhere else in Nova Scotia will be eliminated.**

**Pamela Gow-Boyd**  
Executive Director

Cutting additional positions means those with vision loss will not have access to learn skills and techniques for everyday activities that sighted people take for granted, such as

preparing meals, crossing the street, reading emails, and managing medications.

"Nova Scotians with vision loss deserve to receive rehabilitation that is adequately covered by our health care system — just like rehabilitation that is covered for other injuries and diseases," said Gow-Boyd.



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## SURVEILLANCE

**Police won't comment on spyware**

High-tech surveillance equipment called "stingrays" allows police to listen in on your cell-phone conversations and text messages — even if you've done nothing wrong.

But Canada's two largest police forces are refusing to say if they use these devices, which work by scooping up the cell-phone signals of people nearby.

The RCMP and the OPP have both declined to say whether they use International Mobile Subscriber Identity catchers — known as "stingrays" — because they say giving out that information could interfere with their investigations.

"With respect to the question you have been asking, I'm not in the position to speak given the operational nature of the question, so regrettably I cannot provide a response," said OPP spokesperson Sgt. Peter Leon.

The RCMP also refused to provide any information about whether or how it uses stingray technology. When Torstar News Service used Access to Information to request policies related to the RCMP's use of the technology, the RCMP said those records were exempt from disclosure.

Stingrays mimic cell towers, and trick phones within range into connecting to them. Once a phone makes the connection, the stingray can grab data from it — including phone numbers, texts, calls and websites visited.



**The StingRay II.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE HANDOUT

# Apology still timely: Trudeau

## INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

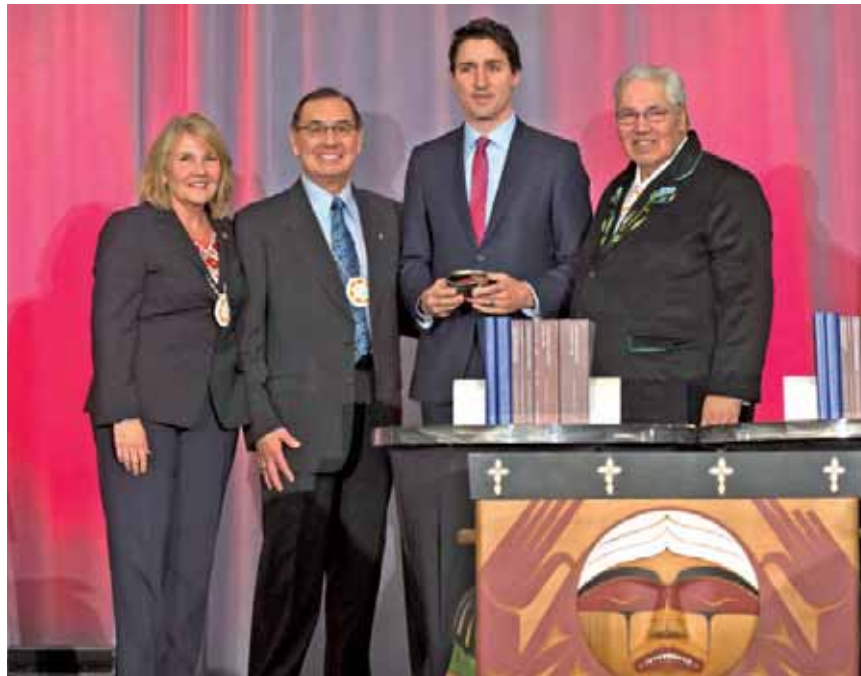
**PM speaks of renewing First Nations relationship**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the reconciliation needed as part of dealing with the tragedy of residential schools is an issue that all of Canada needs to work on together.

"Our goal, as we move forward together, is clear: it is to lift this burden from your shoulders, from those of your families and communities. It is to accept fully our responsibilities — and our failings, as a government and a nation," Trudeau said Tuesday in Ottawa as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission presented its final report to the federal government and church leaders who were parties to the residential schools settlement agreement.

Trudeau said that seven years after former prime minister Stephen Harper made his historic apology to the survivors of Indian residential schools and their families, the words of the apology remain true and timely, and so does the request for forgiveness.

"At the same time, there is reason for hope. Today, we find ourselves on a new path, working together toward a nation-to-nation relationship based on recognition, rights,



**Commissioner Marie Wilson, Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild and Commissioner Justice Murray Sinclair pose with the prime minister after presenting him with a copy of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation commission in Ottawa.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

respect, co-operation and partnership," said Trudeau, according to an advance copy of his prepared remarks.

The 3,231-page final report follows the executive summary released in June that included 94 recommendations, or "calls to action" to address the dark history and continuing legacy

of Canadian residential schools that saw 150,000 First Nations, Metis and Inuit children come through their doors for more than a century.

"The final report provides a way forward for all Canadians, building on the formal apology of seven years ago. It sets us squarely on a path to true reconciliation. The government of Canada is committed to walking that path with indigenous peoples, in partnership and friendship," said Trudeau, who as Liberal leader committed to

supporting all 94 recommendations, beginning with the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Trudeau, who said he is meeting with national aboriginal leaders Wednesday, said that work has already begun with the launch of consultations with families and other stakeholders on the design of a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

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# 3,231

The number of pages in the final report

# 150K

The number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who attended residential schools

# 3,201

The number of indigenous children and youth who died in residential schools — many of them buried in unmarked graves

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**IN BRIEF****Ambrose pans Trump**

Donald Trump's views aren't welcome by Canada's right-wing party, the interim leader of the Conservatives says. "I think he's off the spectrum, frankly," Rona Ambrose said. "That's not a voice that we welcome in our party." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Smugglers sentenced**

Two men have been sentenced for separately smuggling eight immigrants across the Canadian border into New York. Christopher Square, 29, of Kahnawake, Que., was sentenced to nine months in prison. Authorities say 30-year-old Daniel Humberto Pulido-Mojica was sentenced to 11 months in prison. Both men had pleaded guilty to human smuggling-related charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**TAXES**

## Morneau says GST is not changing

The federal finance minister is seeking to clarify the new Liberal government's position on the GST.

Bill Morneau was asked directly Tuesday whether he has considered raising the goods and services tax as a way to generate more government revenue.

"You know, one of the things that I'm absolutely sure of is that we should go through our budget process in order to figure out where we're going to get to," Morneau told reporters in Ottawa in response to the question.

"In my estimation, we're going to hear a lot of things from



**Finance Minister Bill Morneau**  
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not only my colleagues around the table, but from Canadians about what we should be doing from a budget standpoint. And at the end of that, we'll present to Canadians a plan for the next year and give them a sense of what's going to happen over the next five years.

"I'm not at this stage considering any tax issues that haven't been already put in our campaign platform."

After his remarks were published, Morneau later tweeted: "Contrary to misleading headlines, we are not considering changes to the GST."

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# Ben Carson calls for extra troops at Canadian border

## UNITED STATES

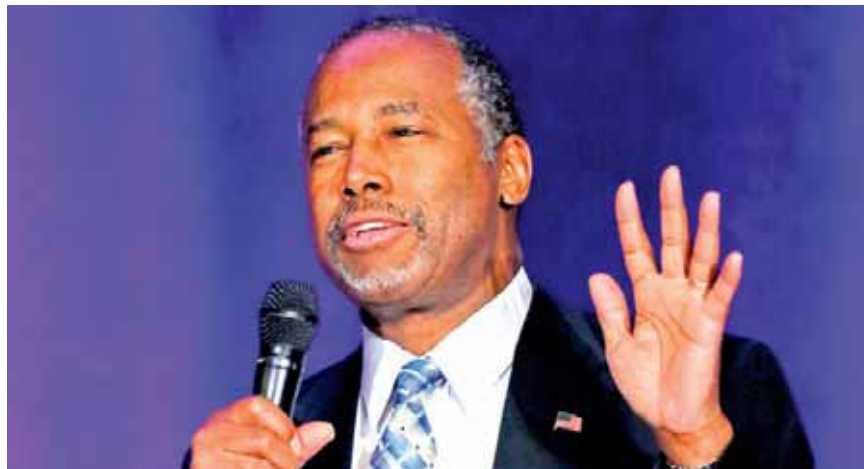
## Proposal does not explain why more security is needed

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson is calling for the U.S. to deploy soldiers to parts of the Canadian border.

Carson, who is fading quickly in the polls, made the proposal as part of the "Seven Steps to a Safer America" anti-terrorism plan he issued on Tuesday.

The sixth step: "President Barack Obama and Congress should immediately deploy the National Guard and military troops to patrol the U.S. southern border as well as designated spots along the northern border."

He did not identify the spots or say why he believes current security measures



Republican Presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson speaks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

along the Canadian border are inadequate.

Canadian diplomats spent years after the 9/11 attacks of 2001 attempting to combat the widespread myth that some of the hijackers crossed into the U.S. from Canada.

Carson is the second Republican candidate to suggest new defensive measures up north. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, now out of the race, was widely ridiculed for musings about the possibility of a wall along the Canadian

border.

Carson has been plagued by a perception that he is unschooled on foreign policy.

He has lost nearly half of his national support in the month since the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ter-

## + DEBATE

### Chairman slams Hillary to start off Republican debate

"This is a unifying message ... I think you can agree with me, that every single one of the candidates on this stage would be world better than Hillary Clinton." National GOP Chairman Reince Priebus said. The crowd at the Venetian applauded.

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rorist attack on Paris, and he now sits in fourth place behind businessman Donald Trump, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

His security plan includes a formal declaration of war against ISIL, the formation of a stronger coalition to fight the extremist group, and the creation of a "refugee safe zone" in northeast Syria. Carson does not want the U.S. to accept refugees.

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## TERROR THREAT

## Hoax in U.S. shuts schools

The nation's two biggest school systems — New York City and Los Angeles — received threats of a large-scale attack Tuesday, and L.A. reacted by shutting down the entire district. New York dismissed the warning as an amateurish hoax and held class as usual.

In L.A., the threat came in the form of an email to a school board member that raised fears of another attack like the recent deadly shooting in nearby San Bernardino.

Authorities in New York reported receiving the same "generic" email that was sent to other cities around the country. They decided there was no danger to schoolchildren, with Mayor Bill de Blasio concluding the threat contained "nothing credible."

"It was so outlandish," he said.

The shutdown abruptly closed more than 900 public schools and 187 charter schools attended by 640,000 students across Los Angeles.

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## RESEARCH

## Trudeau may be last head of state to grey

Leading a country comes with extraordinary privileges but also, apparently, a price: new research suggests that heads of state age faster than normal and that the stress of the job may shave almost three years off their life expectancy.

Doctors analyzed how long presidents and prime ministers in 17 countries — including Britain, Canada, France, Germany and the U.S. — survived after leaving office, compared to the losing candidates. They also observed the number of years that heads of state lived versus what was expected for someone of the same age and gender.

After considering the fates of 279 heads of state and 261 runners-up, they concluded former

leaders lived for almost three fewer years than expected.

"To lose a few years is significant," said Dr. Anupam Jena of Harvard Medical School, the study's senior author.

Even U.S. President Barack Obama recently joked with Canada's new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — who is about a decade younger than Obama — about how a country's top office can speed up aging. Obama advised Trudeau he should start dying his hair to avoid going grey.

Jena said Trudeau — who is a keen outdoorsman — might fare better than expected.

"Someone like him, who is fit, may be in a better starting position than others," he said.

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U.S. President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are seen looking dapper at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## IN BRIEF

### Majority of Middle East unites against terrorism

Saudi Arabia said Tuesday it has lined up most of the Arab world, NATO member Turkey and several African and Asian countries behind a vaguely defined "Islamic military alliance" against terrorists.

The move allows the kingdom, which follows a deeply conservative interpretation of Islam, to cast itself as a leader in the fight against extremism. But absent from the alliance are the Shiite-led countries of Iran and Iraq, as well as Syria, whose government is backed by Tehran.

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### French National Party head cleared of hate charges

A French court on Tuesday acquitted French far-right leader Marine Le Pen of incitement to hatred.

A court in Lyon followed the prosecution's demand that Le Pen, who made the remark in 2010, be cleared. Le Pen had faced up to a year in prison and a 45,000-euro (\$50,000) fine. Four anti-racism associations had filed a complaint after Le Pen compared Muslim street prayers to the Nazi occupation of France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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**ROMANIA SHEPHERDS STORM PARLIAMENT** More than 1,000 angry shepherds scuffle with riot police Tuesday in Bucharest after breaking through fences to get into the grounds of Romania's parliament. They were protesting a law that limits the number of sheepdogs they can use and bans them from grazing sheep during winter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEER SALES

## Rules differ across Canada for alcohol

Ontario allowed the sale of beer in grocery stores for the first time Tuesday and is still looking at ways to expand wine sales to more private outlets.

The rollout follows a deal with the Beer Store, which will eventually see 450 grocery stores — large and small — sell beer by 2017. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HERE'S HOW ALCOHOL IS SOLD IN OTHER PROVINCES:

**Nova Scotia:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold at provincially owned liquor-store outlets. Some beer, wine and spirits are available at some private stores.

**Alberta:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold in privately owned liquor stores.

**Prince Edward Island:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold at provincially owned liquor-store outlets and a number of licensed agency stores.

**Quebec:** Beer and wine are sold in grocery stores and corner stores. Wine, spirits and select beer are sold in government-run outlets.

**Saskatchewan:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold at provincially owned liquor stores, rural franchises licensed by the government and in three privately owned stores. Beer, wine and spirits are also available at various "off sales" attached to bars and restaurants.

**New Brunswick:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold in provincially owned liquor-store outlets. A limited selection of wines is available at some grocery stores.

**British Columbia:** Beer, wine and spirits are sold in provincially owned and private liquor stores. Craft beer can be purchased at the brewery.

**Newfoundland and Labrador:** Beer is available in convenience stores. Liquor and beer are sold at provincially owned liquor store outlets. Wine is only sold at provincially owned liquor-store outlets.

**Manitoba:** There is a mix of government-run and private wine and beer stores. Hotels are allowed to sell beer as licensed vendors, similar to "off sales."

# Young have most debt: BoC

ECONOMY

## Borrowers under age 45 more at risk of income drops

The most-important weak spot in the armour of the country's financial system — climbing household debt — is increasingly concentrated among

younger Canadians, the Bank of Canada said Tuesday.

The most-indebted borrowers tend to be under 45 years old and usually earn less money, which would put them more at risk of income drops caused by an economic downturn, the central bank said.

The bank's semi-annual financial system review was released as the economy struggles to build momentum after contracting over the first two

quarters of 2015. Borrowers have helped carry the load for the economy and, as a result, the key vulnerability of household debt has continued to rise.

The bank, however, said that while income growth has failed to keep pace with mounting mortgage credit, the chance of household debt becoming a serious problem remains low and is likely to fade as the economy picks up steam.

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## URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



### THE QUESTION

**When is it OK to say hello in the office men's room? At any other point in my day, I will nod to colleagues. But it seems wrong to greet them when they're actually peeing. Yet it's also a bit weird to ignore them completely.**

Dear Ellen,

This is a delicate problem, summed up in one simple question: When is it OK to say hello in the men's room? I'm talking mainly about the office. At any other point in my day, I will nod a "hello" to colleagues. But, if I encounter them in the staff wash-room, it seems wrong to greet them when they're actually peeing. Some men need to concentrate, so it's probably disruptive to start a conversation. But it also seems weird to ignore them completely. Should I nod at before or after apparel is adjusted? Or wait till the hand-washing stage?

Worried of Toronto

Dear Worried,

I know who you are because you recently approached me in person about this, and I told you to email the question. But your letter has left out the most interesting thing you said in our brief conversation: I.e., that men often pass gas while at the urinal.

I have two things to say about this: 1) Sorry, guys, this does not qualify as multi-tasking; and 2) I was surprised, since women, in my experience, do not do this in public washrooms. Given my ignorance of men's room practices, I will turn to a male expert (as I did previously, in a column about the shy male pee-er): my esteemed editor and final arbiter on all things etiquette, Matt LaForge.

See Matt's men's room



guidelines below, along with a few reminders from me for polite patrons of the ladies' room.

**HERS**

Hover craft: If you must crouch above the toilet without touching it while you pee, wipe stray droplets off the seat afterwards.

Timing for stalls: As long as the patriarchy continues to confuse "equality" with an equal number of stalls in male and female washrooms, women will be lining up to pee before, during and after every public event. So when you do finally achieve the bliss of a stall with a working toilet and sufficient tissue, don't dawdle. Your sisters in the lineup snaking out the door are just as desperate to void and exit as you are.

'N sink: Once you've washed your hands, try to find another piece of mirror to check hair, teeth and lips so someone else can squeeze in to wash their hands at the sink.

**HIS**

Worried, not all matters of etiquette are cut-and-dried — and, as final arbiter, I should know — but this one is. The basics are as follows:

When passing a colleague on the way in or out of the men's room, feel free to greet him as if you were in the hallway, on the trading floor, in the grain silo, or on the swing stage (I don't know where you work). When washing or drying your hands next to a colleague, it is, as your letter suggests, perfectly acceptable to greet or even to hazard a conversational salvo. When one or both of you is peeing, however, you should act as if you were a child before about the mid-1980s: Don't speak unless spoken to.

The fellow at the urinal is in a vulnerable state; presume therefore that he would prefer to be left alone. But if his coping mechanism involves compulsively making small talk, reply politely (eye-con-

tact not necessary) even if you would just as soon allow silence to prevail. In all cases, bear in mind etiquette's Golden Rule: The comfort of others takes precedence over yours. If that means subsuming your desire to fill every silence with idle chit-chat, do so. And if that means forfeiting your own desire for quiet so as to indulge a chit-chat artist, then do that.

While we're on the subject, let's get another simple one out of the way. Don't "look." You know what I'm talking about: You're standing there and, for no reason more dubious than the mere fact that ceramic tile isn't much to look at, you find yourself compelled to, as it were, survey the scene. Refrain. While peeing abreast of another man, colleague or no, act as you would in the presence of someone who's changing or breastfeeding. That is, afford him as much metaphysical privacy as the circumstances allow.

I've heard it suggested, as you no doubt have, that the injunction not to "look" is somehow rooted in homophobia. Nonsense. Any homophobic behaviour that arises as a result of a "looking" incident is separate and distinct from the underlying issue.

The underlying issue, Worried, is that to be seen naked is, in most cases, to be made uncomfortable, and that this is true whether or not the beholder shares a gender with the beheld (for more on this, see the Book of Genesis). Remember that Golden Rule: Take care to recognize another's discomfort and, at a minimum, don't make it worse.

With files from Matt LaForge

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Celebrating feminism and rejecting the label? You're freeloading.

An elephant walks into a crowded room. "I'm not an elephant!" he declares. "Sure, I have the trunk, tough grey skin and the ivory, but I don't like labels, and I don't consider myself to be an elephant."

No one says anything, for fear of upsetting him, though they recognize the elephant is objectively wrong.

And that's the origin of the "elephant in the room" idiom.

Or not. But it is the tale of the flawed logic of most 40-ish women in Canada.

According to a survey by Chatelaine magazine and Abacus Data — released last week and irritating me ever since — 68 per cent of women 35-45, when asked if they are feminists, said, "No."

Let's suppose that some of those women really don't believe in the equality of the sexes, in which case not being a feminist makes perfect sense.

Let's also suppose that many of those women do in fact believe men and women are equal, in which case they are not making sense at all.

That invites the question: Why would they deny it? In video interviews, many explained they have a distaste for the label.

Labels are often only disliked when they're controversial. These women, presumably, are OK with being called women. They're also OK with being called

40(ish). Obviously, "feminist" isn't so innocuous. These women, it seemed from some of the interviews, don't want the flak. They perhaps don't want to have to explain that "feminist" is not synonymous with "angry man-hater."

And that's cowardly.

Some indicated they feel privileged enough not to need feminism, unlike the thousands of murdered and missing indigenous women, say, who are three times more likely than white women to be victims of violent crime.

And that's selfish.

I will also, finally, charge this: By expecting and lauding the wins made by feminists, while in the same breath rejecting that label, you're freeloading. You're getting all the goods — the push for equal pay, for more women leaders, for the end of harmful masculine and feminine ideals, for shelter from a violent partner should you ever need it — without standing up for the cause that serves you.

I've been told that women respond more to emotions than logic, and also that a woman attracts more bees with honey, so here's the soft pitch: If you come out of the closet, you'll find Justin Trudeau, Aziz Ansari, Beyoncé and Malala Yousafzai waiting for you with open arms.

I'll even throw in a pair of 100 per cent cotton "Feminist" stamped underwear.

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## FOOD TRENDS FOR 2016

Ready for a taste of 2016? Since we're all tired of hearing about bacon, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower steaks, let's look forward to some of the flavours and foods that will be popping up in the coming year. It's not so much that these foods are radically new. Rather, they are edging toward a critical mass, making them common on restaurant menus and easier to find. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Grains and legumes

It all started with quinoa. Now all sorts of crazy grains and legumes (or seeds masquerading as them) have been popping up. We have farro and teff, millet and triticale, not to mention wheat berries and rye berries being cooked and consumed straight up. But there also are other changes in this niche. First, the sprouted phenomenon. Many grains and legumes are being briefly sprouted before being dried and packaged. The result is a slightly sweeter, nuttier flavour. Second — and even more profound — is ease. As in, companies have gotten wise to the fact that more people would eat more legumes if they were easier to prepare. And then there are the flours. No doubt stirred by all the interest in gluten-free foods, many company now produce bean flours, such as black bean flour, fava bean flour and chickpea flour.

### Seaweed

There was a lot of hype this year about researchers growing a new seaweed that supposedly tastes like bacon. But in the meantime we have nori, the seaweed that often is pressed and dried in sheets, then used to wrap maki-style sushi. But it can do much more, and folks are starting to wake up to that. First, try it as an almost calorie-free potato chip substitute. Typically marketed as "seaweed snacks" and sold in single serve packets, these are crispy, salty and addictive. Nori is also being turned into condiments. Combined with sesame seeds and salt, it's called furikake. Or there is the Sea Shakes line of seaweed seasoning blends, which combine kelp, dulse and nori with garlic, lemon peel and rosemary (among many others) with delicious results. Try any of them over roasted vegetables, cooked chicken, rice and other grains.



### Little fish

Two things going on here. First, the trend in seafood is to eat lower on the food chain. It's good for the oceans; it's good for the fishing industry. Second, we've all become enamored with umami (the flavour best described as "savory"), and little fish — and the products made from them — tend to be umami bombs. So expect to see lots of anchovies and sardines, and expect to see them in starring roles.

### Umeboshi plums

These are the fruit of the ume tree (a relative of the rose). They resemble small apricots, but can't be eaten raw. That's why most of them are salted, fermented and dyed red using shiso leaves. The resulting "plums" have an intensely sour-salty flavour that can be weirdly addictive. They usually are sold whole, as a paste or as a vinegar. In traditional Japanese cooking, umeboshi are eaten straight up, or are served inside balls of rice that are wrapped in nori, but I've been seeing umeboshi showing up in unusual places lately. The vinegar is great in marinades and dressings. Try it sprinkled over a bean and quinoa salad with avocado and shrimp.

### Alternative sugars

Avoiding high-fructose corn syrup is getting a little easier, in part because a growing number of soda companies are returning to pure cane syrup. But there also are other changes to the sweetener world. Of particular interest is the growing selection of natural sweeteners made from alternatives to either cane or corn. Agave syrup (also called agave nectar) is the juggernaut here. There also are sweeteners made from coconut (both syrups and granulated), barley, brown rice, dates and — my new favourite — apples.

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# Spoiler-free guide to the Force



## 1 This ain't no Phantom Menace

The new movie is good. It's really good. This is J.J. Abrams' take on Star Wars, and Jar Jar Binks need not apply. It's a return to the escapist fantasy of the Star Wars universe, with no midi-chlorians. The film isn't perfect — there are discordant moments with unlikely coincidences, or general silliness — but it doesn't matter. Some purists might be left unhappy, but this deserves to be the movie event of the year. It'll make you feel like a kid again.



## 2 Yes, you will geek out

The gang's all here, and of course we know that from the trailers. But to see Han Solo and Chewbacca back in action is an absolute joy. The droids are there, too, and just as hilariously annoying. As for Luke and Leia ... just go see it. We can say no more. There are dozens of little references to the old movies, in things people do and say. There are lines to make you grin and objects to recognize, plus a ton of cool new stuff. And nothing will prepare you for the sight of the Millennium Falcon in flight again. Hearts will soar.



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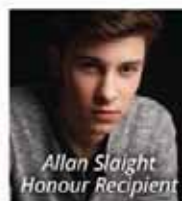
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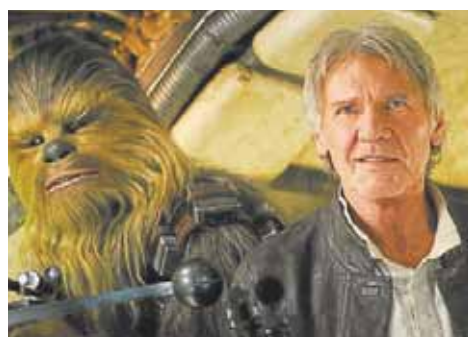
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Yes, we've seen it. Metro had an early viewing of the new Star Wars movie, and it does not disappoint. Here are five things to whet your appetite for the big return to a galaxy far, far away. And don't worry, we won't be ruining it for you. We hate spoilers, too. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**

### 3 Rey is the female hero we've been waiting for

The Star Wars franchise has had a bad record with women being left in the background without many lines. This time, though, there's no gold bikini. Instead, there is Rey. Played by Daisy Ridley, this new character is the touchstone of the film. She doesn't need anyone to rescue her, and she's not hanging around waiting for the men to catch up. Rey is a capable, clever, hard-hitting young woman. She's the female character that Star Wars was missing.



### 4 Han Solo is your grandpa now

This guy got old. There's no attempt to hide the fact that Harrison Ford is 73. His face is lined, his movements are sometimes stiff and he talks like a man who's seen too much of life. But it's still Han, wise-cracking, blasting and cheating his way across the galaxy, and to hell with anyone who gets in his way. It's easy to see why Ford agreed to return — this role is one of the defining moments of his career.

### 5 Prepare to get emotional

Great movies play with your emotions, and this is one of those great movies. There are so many laugh-out-loud moments, and some tearful ones, too. But, overall, it's just exciting as hell. Practise those blaster and lightsaber noises now, because you're going to hear them a lot and you might as well join in. The pacing of The Force Awakens might be Abrams' greatest contribution to the franchise. He's taken George Lucas' toys and made them fun to play with again. Prepare to jump to lightspeed.

### MOVIE RATING by Richard Crouse

#### Star Wars: The Force Awakens

★★★★

There's good news for Star Wars fans. The initials in director J.J. Abrams's name definitely do not stand for Jar Jar. His take on the Star Wars universe does everything the much-maligned prequels did not — that is, it focuses on character and adventure, not treaties or political dealings. The Force Awakens delivers a nostalgic blast while at the same time freshening up the series.

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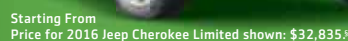
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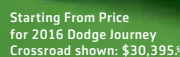
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## THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA MX-5

### THE BASICS

**Type.** Two-door, two-passenger, RWD, convertible sports car  
**Power.** 155-hp, 2.0-litre I4  
**Transmission.** 6-speed automatic, 6-speed manual  
**Price.** Base \$31,900 (plus \$1,795 destination)

### COOL FEATURES

- Soft-top can be opened and closed from seating position at a stoplight
- Speakers in the headrests ensure clear audio when the top is down
- Blind spot monitoring and lane departure warning systems



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### POINTS

- More than 100 kg lighter than last (third) generation model, by shaving "grams" wherever possible, and by using lots of aluminum components, including hood and trunk lid
- Engine positioned close to vehicle's centre, for perfect 50:50 front-rear weight distribution
- Trunk volume increased to allow for one pair of carry-on luggage

### MARKET POSITION

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## REVIEW

### Mazda shows how it's done with the now-lighter MX-5

**Mike Goetz**

For Metro Canada



You have to marvel at how devoted and careful Mazda is with the overall idea of the MX-5 (a.k.a. Miata).

For any of its three previous generation formats, and for this new, fourth-generation format, Mazda could have so easily given the little roadster more powerful engines, more elbow room, more comfy stuff, more of everything basically.

But Mazda has always maintained that the way to have sports car fun is not just about outright speed. It believes it is better to have a sports car that responds to your every command, and thoroughly connects you to the bones of the vehicle, and the contours of the road. In this way, a roadster will always "feel fast" in more driving situations. And this 2016 Mazda MX-5 is brilliantly executed in that manner.

It's more than 100 kg (180 lb) lighter than the previous MX-5, and as compact as the very first Miata.

You experience its willingness to change direction basically every time you change direction, which happens quite often when you think about it. Electric steering replaced hydraulic steering, but still provides awesome feel.

The way you sit in the vehicle,

and the way you interact with all the controls, makes the MX-5's cockpit feel like no other vehicle cockpit on the road. Certainly helping matters is one of the best shifting manual gearboxes in the land, and easy-to-use controls, which seem slightly miniaturized to Miata proportions.

Cabin caveats are the Mazda console controller, which has received mixed reviews from Day 1, and the lack of interior cubbyhole volume. The cubby holes are optimized for smartphones and such — anything chunkier has to go in the trunk.

The trunk is bigger and deeper, but seems less likely to hold golf clubs, if that's a priority.

The convertible top is incredibly easy to put up and down. Effective wind deflectors, and speakers in the headrests, both help top-down motoring.

This car has less horsepower than the previous roadster, but is actually faster. A good dose of midrange torque, and that overall light weight, makes it happen. The 2.0-litre engine is based on the one in the Maxda3, but revs faster, due to a lighter flywheel. Again, it's all about balance; you don't feel the need for more power, because this level of power already delivers and then some, in this lightweight, great-handling package.

Just a final thought on the exterior design. Previous MX-5 models were kind of anti-style, or at least they didn't try too hard to look super cool. This one is trying a bit too hard, me thinks, especially around the rear haunches. But after that I got nothing. I love this car. It's currently right at the top of my Christmas list.

## ELECTRIC CAR MARKET

# Mystery U.S. startup unveils \$1B factory

A little-known California startup with ambitions to challenge Tesla in the electric car market unveiled plans Thursday for a \$1-billion manufacturing plant.

Faraday Future said on its website the investment in the facility near Las Vegas, Nev., is a "first phase" for the new company, which is yet to get a vehicle on the road.

The facility is "something more than an ordinary 'assembly line,'" according to the statement, and will include 280,000 square metres

"for passionate creators and diligent visionaries, where new concepts will be refined and implemented." It will create 4,500 jobs in the region.

Based in southern California, Faraday Future has revealed little so far about its plans, or even its financial backers or resources.

Its team of about 400 includes former engineers and

executives from Tesla and BMW, according to its website, which says the company "will launch with fully electric vehicles that will offer smart and seamless connectivity to the outside world."

Faraday Future plans to unveil its prototype at the Consumer Electronics Show in January in Las Vegas.

According to the research firm CB Insights, one of the investors in Faraday Future is Chinese entrepreneur Jia Yueting.

The company is named after Michael Faraday, who discovered the principles of electromagnetic induction. In its mission statement, the company says that "today's cars do not meet today's needs." AFP



**The electric car market is getting a new player.** ISTOCK



## TECH GIANT

### Samsung to develop components for autonomous cars

Samsung Electronics is taking steps to expand into another market, as they announced the creation of a team for developing next-generation automotive components, according to Reuters.

Instead of attempting to develop its own self-driving car, the South Korean electronics company announced last week their plans to work on car components and software, with

an initial focus on "infotainment," satellite navigation and autonomous driving.

Other tech industry giants who have expressed an interest in developing driverless and electric car sectors are Google and Apple.

Samsung's rival LG Electronics announced in October that it would be developing an array of components for General Motors' upcoming Chevrolet Bolt EV, including the electric drive motor (built from GM design) and battery cells and pack. AFP



# 3D printing shaping car production

## DRIVING FORCE

### Ford breaks the mould in production of tools and parts

Jill McIntosh  
For Metro Canada



Engineers need parts and tools when they develop a vehicle, but if they're working on a brand-new technology, the ones they require may not yet exist. Ford tackles the problem by quickly building its own on a 3D printer.

"People come to me and want something designed for a test," says Kevin Sowles, a technologist at Ford's Beech Daly Technical Center in Michigan. "If we can't find the tool, I'll make it for them."

The item is first designed using computer-aided design (CAD) software. The digital information then goes to the appropriate 3D printer to produce the item. It's much faster than older methods, especially if

more than one copy of a tool is needed. Prior to 3D printing, the method could include making a prototype, using it to produce a mould, and then finally casting the tools themselves.

Most of the tools the department makes are used exclusively for in-house vehicle testing, although it has produced prototype tools and machine parts for the final assembly line as well. When the company discontinued the F-150 pickup truck's steel body in favour of an aluminum one, the factory needed specialized tools to work with the new metal, some of which were developed in the 3D printing shop. During the process of setting up the new assembly lines, the shop could quickly reproduce a component if it broke during the preliminary test runs.

#### Big at auto shows

The department also makes auto parts, but only for prototypes and show cars, not for production vehicles. "We made the grille and bumper for the new F-150 for wind tunnel testing and design aids," Sowles says. "We also made the com-



Mark Smith, an engineering technologist at Ford, cleans off a newly made component.

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ponents for the 30-way power seat on the Lincoln Continental (concept car). Those concept cars you see at the auto shows have an unbelievable amount of 3D printing in them. We have a shop that's set up specifically for that."

Keeping the 3D printing in-house is also essential to keeping the wraps on upcoming projects. "We're working on our 2019 to 2020 designs," Sowles says. "A lot of it is confidential and we don't want that out, even to our most trusted

suppliers." The direct line between the 3D printing and the engineering department is also faster than sending the designs out to a third-party supplier to produce. In some cases, items can be produced from scratch within hours.

## + THE PROCESS

- Some parts made by the 3D process are used only for visual reference, while others must be functional, such as engine or transmission parts used in durability testing.

- 3D printing isn't unique to Ford, but various auto-makers use the technology differently depending on their needs.

- The department's various printers use plastic or photo-sensitive resin, or sand for casting items in metal.

On occasion, the department does outside projects of its own, including some reproduction reptiles. "We've done some work to support community services, and we've had requests from museums," Sowles says. "We made replicas of dinosaurs that they paint and put on display, and they lock the original artifacts away."

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# 'Made in Ghana' initiative revs up

## LOCAL SOURCING

### Kantanka cars could put West African nation on the map

Japanese Toyotas, German Mercedes and BMWs, and GM cars and trucks from the U.S. are driven in countries around the

world. But in Ghana, an inventor and church leader who started out trying to make voice-controlled television sets is telling the auto giants to move over.

Kwadwo Safo Kantanka — nicknamed the "Apostle" because he also runs a network of churches — has finally realized his dream of developing and marketing cars "Made in Ghana."

"It's been in the pipeline

since 1971," Kwadwo Safo Jr., one of the inventor's sons, told AFP. "It started with the old man, so it's been a long time coming."

Kantanka's range of sports utility vehicles and pickup trucks have got Ghana talking on social media, thanks in part to an advertising campaign using local movie and music stars.

The sticker price of the

vehicles run from \$18,000 to \$35,000 — out of range for most people in Ghana. But a cheaper saloon car is expected to go on sale next year.

The locally made vehicles are entering a tough market, going up against established brands in a country that sees about 12,000 new and 100,000 second-hand cars imported every year.

But the inventor's son, who is chief executive of the Kantanka

Group, is confident the demand is there and the firm can hold its own in the competition.

"Already we have certain companies in Ghana who have come to make certain outrageous orders for huge numbers that we have to meet. So, we are working," he said, without giving any specifics.

## Buy local

Ghana's President John Dramani Mahama has been pushing his compatriots to buy locally to boost a stuttering economy hit by inflation, a depreciating currency and high public sector debt.

In 2014, he showed off a pair of Ghana-made shoes during his annual state of the nation address and criticized the lack of appreciation of locally made goods and over-reliance on imports.

advantage to produce," he said at the time.

For Kantanka some key components such as glass, tires and brake callipers are imported, AFP was told on a visit to the company's technology research centre west of Accra last year.

But local sourcing is a key component of Kantanka's vehicles, whose radiator grilles feature Ghana's five-pointed star emblem.

Wood from Ghanaian forests is used to make dashboards while the cream-coloured leather seats in the black SUV were made in the country's second-biggest commercial city, Kumasi.

Akan — a language widely used in Ghana — is written alongside English on the electronics.

## The road ahead

Kantanka's son was adamant about the uniqueness of the cars, which have all been approved for safety by Ghana's Drivers Vehicle Licensing Authority.


The Made in Ghana label means that "if you have any problems with the vehicle, you wouldn't have to import from India or China or America. All the parts are right here and we have a 24-hour service," he said.

Six months ago, Ghana's police service received one of the pickup trucks, potentially paving the way for other government agencies to place orders.

Kantanka Jr. is upbeat about the way ahead.

"The future of Kantanka for the next 10 years is to try as much as possible to increase our lines," he said.

To the current three lines, he said, "we intend to increase by next year January, February and add two more lines to it. We intend to go into more lines like buses, minivans and all that." AFP



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# Hurricanes 'a fresh start' for pro ball in Halifax

NBL

## New captain Clinkscales upbeat about new franchise



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
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For point guard Cliff Clinkscales, suiting up in a Halifax Hurricanes jersey represents "a fresh start." The 31-year-old Queens, N.Y., native is the only player to return to Nova Scotia's capital city this year to play pro ball, following the controversial conclusion of former National Basketball League of Canada franchise the Halifax Rainmen.

"It feels good," the six-foot-one, 184-pound Rainmen fan favourite said Tuesday of officially becoming not just a member of the Hurricanes, but the new NBL Canada team's captain.

"New name, new owners and they fixed the arena up nice, with new seats, so this is like a fresh start," Clinkscales said after he and his new teammates ran some drills and showed off some fancy shots inside the Halifax West High School gymnasium, as part of a media day that franchise owners hope will help promote the new team and pump up ticket sales. The Halifax

Rainmen folded under unfortunate circumstances. The organization declared bankruptcy in July after struggling to get fans in the stands.

That followed a heated season that saw the team forfeit Game 7 of its championship series against the Windsor Express. Coaches and players cited safety concerns as their reason for not showing up for the NBL Canada final, which at the time resulted in \$90,000 worth of fines doled out by the league.

But a group of 25 local business leaders have since come to the rescue, including lead investor Don Mills of Corporate Research Associates, to fund the new franchise as a financial team. Together, they replaced former Rainmen founder and owner Andre Levingston, who is staying with the Halifax Hurricanes as its general manager of basketball operations.

Clinkscales said the new team is already clicking, both on and off the court. In fact, he's played with six-foot-ten, 229-pound forward Kyle Hunt and six-foot-eight, 215-pound forward Mike Glover back home in New York.

"We've got a good group of guys; we're getting along well," Clinkscales said, adding the boys have been "practising hard every day" at the Canada Games Centre

during training camp.

The guys are getting ready for two pre-season games, one against the Charlottetown Island Storm this Friday in Sydney, to showcase NBL Canada in that potential expansion city, as well their first game on home court against the Moncton Miracles this Saturday. Tip-off time Saturday is 7 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre.

Head coach Hugo Lopez said Tuesday his new team is coming together

well, but added "there's still a long way to go" to get back into another championship series.

There are currently 11 players at camp, with a few more to join this week, and the final 12-player roster likely to be announced Christmas Day, prior to Halifax's home-opener Boxing Day.

"What happened last year is very unfortunate," Clinkscales said, but added that from new enthusiastic players signing on to the Hurricanes club and new NBL Canada rules, the future is looking brighter for professional basketball in Halifax and across the country.

"Anything in life deserves a second chance," he said, adding fans new and old alike are welcome back to home court the Scotiabank Centre.

**"I just hope everybody comes back out and supports."**

Hurricanes' Cliff Clinkscales



The Halifax Hurricanes pose for a photo and share some laughs with members of the Halifax West Warriors boys and girls basketball teams. BOTH IMAGES KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



The Halifax Hurricanes gather at centre court for a quick team cheer Tuesday, showing the power of good sportsmanship to Halifax West High School Students.

AUS

## Debut for Varsity Showdown

The first-ever Varsity Showdown is coming to town in the New Year. Sports & Entertainment Atlantic announced Tuesday a new joint initiative to showcase Atlantic University Sport athletes and teams in a special, action-packed weekend.

Dalhousie University and Saint Mary's University in Halifax, along with Acadia University in Wolfville and St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, are all taking part in Varsity Showdown 2016, according to a news release.

The weekend will feature two regular-season men's hockey games Friday, Jan. 29, as well as two men's and women's regular-season basketball doubleheaders Saturday, Jan. 30, all playing out at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax.

"Varsity Showdown 2016 will provide a terrific platform to showcase the amazing product and inspiring athletes participating in AUS hockey and basketball," Sports & Entertainment Atlantic president Derek Martin said in the news release. He promises "an outstanding entertainment experience to students, alumni and fans."

Tickets will be available starting this Friday via Ticket Atlantic, with hockey games priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for both youth and seniors. Basketball doubleheaders cost \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for youth and seniors.

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# Talk of Stamkos excites Leafs fans

NHL

## Speculation has Lightning star signing with Toronto in '16

Steven Stamkos returned Tuesday to the city that likes him back. In the aftermath of a furor over "liking" a tweet about the Maple Leafs pursuing him, the Tampa Bay Lightning captain came to Toronto to face the team many hockey observers have speculated could sign him this summer.

Stamkos, who grew up in neighbouring Markham, Ont., has said his actions on Twitter, recently and two summers ago, were accidental. After NBA star LeBron James went "home" to the Cleveland Cavaliers, Stamkos also liked a tweet speculating about him being hockey's version of that.

No matter the intent, Stamkos not having a contract extension with the Lightning is more than enough fuel for speculation about his future. Information about negotiations has been tightly guarded by his camp at Newport Sports and Tampa Bay management.

Stamkos has never ruled out the possibility of playing for the Leafs at some point in his career. This

would be his chance.

"I'm not going to look too far into that just because I don't have a crystal ball," said Leafs forward Shawn Matthias, who was Stamkos's roommate at the 2008 world junior championship.

"I can't predict the future. He's a great player. I'm sure everybody around the league would love to play with him because he's done so much in the game already."

Stamkos has 11 goals and 11 assists in his first 31 games this season but is almost a point-a-game player in his career. In 523 NHL games, he has 287 goals and 233 assists for 520 points.

Add in the fact that Stamkos will be 26 in February, and he's due a major payday.

**“He's done so much in the game already.”**

Maple Leafs' Shawn Matthias

A long-term contract worth an average of US\$10.5 million per year isn't out of the question.

The elephant-in-the-room question is whether Stamkos will be paid by the Lightning or another team.

"He's scored so many goals and he's a great player," Matthias said.

"He seems like a good leader. I'm sure if you asked anyone if they would love to play with him, everyone would say, 'Yeah, of course.' He's that good of a player."

Stamkos told reporters Monday in Columbus that he doesn't let his status "creep into the (locker) room" with the Lightning.

He was named captain in the spring of 2014 after general manager Steve Yzerman traded Martin St. Louis to the New York Rangers, as the veteran winger requested.

Stamkos can insulate himself a bit in Tampa, but Tuesday brought the subject back to the forefront.

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## AWARDS

### Price wins Lou Marsh

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price became the first hockey goaltender to win the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's top athlete on Tuesday.

Price hit career highs with 44 wins with a 1.96 goals-against average and a .933 save percentage for Montreal in the 2014-15 season.

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Carey Price  
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## WORLD JUNIORS

### Canada down to 27 players, must cut 4

Hockey Canada has the raw materials for its junior team. Now it's time to start putting it together.

Canada's roster of 27 players had their first practice in Inatna, Finland, on Tuesday to prepare for three pre-competition exhibition games this weekend as the coaching staff and Hockey Canada's management team evaluates who will make the final roster for the world junior hockey championship.

"I think that everyone that

comes to Europe has a chance to make the team," said Ryan Jankowski, director of player personnel for the team. "The job isn't done and that's what we've got three exhibition games for, to help sort that out. That's the week where you see the foundation taking shape."

After a four-day selection camp in Toronto where four players were cut, Canada's junior team now has 15 forwards, nine defencemen and three goaltenders.

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# metro OBITUARIES

## JOHNSON, NICK



Nick E. Johnson (Papa Choo Choo) - 72 North Preston, passed away on December 10th, 2015, at the VG Site QEII Health Science Center. Born in North Preston, he was a son of the late Clarence and Matilda (Grant) Johnson. Nick is survived by his wife Regina (Pelly), his Daughters Venessa (William) Sparks (Dartmouth), Renee Johnson (Vancouver, BC) and Kim (Troy) Jones (Boston, MA); His Sons Tony (Dawn) Johnson (Dartmouth), Blaine (Trena) Glasgow (Dartmouth), Andre (Margaret) Glasgow (Kingston, ON), Stacy Glasgow (Dartmouth) and his Chosen son Lawrence Jordan (Dartmouth); brothers James (Kathleen), Benjamin, Merlin (Veronica), Kernel, Lyle (Anne), Michael (Mary); sisters Bernita, Burley (Wilfred), Cora and 12 Grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his brothers Howard, Stan and Johnny and sisters Ruby, Louretta and Julia, and infant granddaughter Tamara

Nick was active member of St. Thomas Baptist Church, he was a member of the brotherhood and a member of the cemetery committee. He was formerly employed for Via Rail for 39 years. He also was a member of the Army Navy and Air Force Unit 349.

He was a social, active man who participated in a Bowling and Dart league for many years; he also provided Lawn care for the W.A.D.E Center and Judge Constance Sparks. He will be sadly missed by his mother -in-law Bessie and father- in-law Steven Pelly; and by his brothers and sisters in-law.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Nick's life. Visitation is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, December 16th, at St. Thomas Baptist Church, North Preston. His going home service will be held 1 pm on Thursday, December 18, at St. Thomas Baptist Church, North Preston. Cremation to follow, interment at a later date in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens. Arrangements entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street, Dartmouth. There will be no repass; keep your prayers with family and please no home visits. The family would like to thank Dr. Rayson and all the staff at QEII Health Science Center. Special thanks to his loving daughter Venessa for her role as his care giver. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com) (Dartmouth Chapel)



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Blatter writes to 209 FIFA member federations "although I have been suspended I am not isolated and will certainly not be silenced."  
Ethics prosecutors want a life ban if corruption is proved in Blatter authorizing \$2 million in 2011 for Michel Platini, whose ethics hearing is on Friday.  
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**I don't think he sees a way out of this. Something has to change.**

Former Chelsea star Frank Lampard on embattled Blues manager Jose Mourinho. Chelsea fell 2-1 to Leicester City on Monday and the reigning champions are facing relegation while Leicester sit top of the table in the topsy-turvy Premier League.

# Patience is in short supply in Pittsburgh

## NHL Crosby's career lows at heart of Pens struggles

Mike Sullivan's voice is unmistakable. Loud. Authoritative. Animated.

And, the Pittsburgh Penguins hope, an alarm clock.

One of the NHL's marquee draws is in the midst of an identity crisis more than a third of the way into the season. The Pens aren't scoring. They occasionally aren't defending and — perhaps most troubling — the magic they once summoned so easily seems to have disappeared.

"I think we're bottom of the league in goals scored this year and I'm pretty sure we shouldn't be, right?" forward Phil Kessel asked, only somewhat rhetorically.

Pittsburgh's 4-1 loss to Washington on Monday night in Sullivan's debut dropped the Penguins to 15-11-3. They remain in a tie for ninth in the Eastern Conference and are 27th in goals per game despite ranking fifth in shots. The power play littered with all-stars is 28th.

And nowhere are Pittsburgh's struggles more evident than in Sidney Crosby's prolonged funk.



Sidney Crosby has just six goals and 13 assists through 29 games this season, while his fellow star center Evgeni Malkin has 14 goals and 13 assists. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

## + MORE PAIN

Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury is undergoing the NHL's concussion protocol and is out indefinitely after Monday night's loss.

The two-time Hart Trophy winner is on pace for career lows in goals and points, and his team appears destined for a four-month battle just to reach the post-season.

While Sullivan doesn't believe

Pittsburgh needs a massive overhaul, there are plenty of old habits he'd like to see kicked.

Several of them were evident against Washington.

While the Penguins threw 45 shots at Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby, few of them came from in close and rarely did Holtby have to deal with a black jersey in front of him. Malkin ended one shift by lazily backhanding a centring pass instead of just sending the puck around the boards. The turnover led to a two-on-one the other way.

It was an avoidable mistake, the kind Sullivan, who took over as head coach after Mike Johnston was fired over the weekend, knows it's his job to help eliminate. The last time Pittsburgh switched coaches during a season, three months later Bylsma was helping hoist the Stanley Cup. At this point, the Penguins will settle for a win at Boston on Wednesday.

"We'll focus on the process," Sullivan said. "We'll pull ourselves out of this."

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## LUGE Sliding shortfall in Canada

Canada's luge team is in flux heading into their home stop on the World Cup.

Veteran Sam Edney is taking the season off to heal nagging injuries accumulated over 16 years of sliding and pursue a commerce degree.

Canada's most decorated slider Alex Gough will compete in women's singles Friday in Calgary, but is racing less these days in order to study civil engineering.

Arianne Jones, who won bronze in last year's World Cup, sat out the first three World Cups this season to heal a serious back injury. Her first race of the season will be Friday at Canada Olympic Park.

The Canadians were stellar on their home track in 2014. Edney won gold, Gough and Jones took silver and bronze respectively, and the doubles team of Justin Smith and Tristan Walker collected a bronze.

Gough has earned over 20 World Cup and world championship medals since 2010. The first North American to consistently challenge the traditional dominance of German women was fourth at the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

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Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 1 box (1 lb) orecchiette
- 4 cups of broccoli florets (cut small)
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1/2 tsp crushed dried

chilis (optional)

- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

## Directions

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions. Set a timer for 2 minutes before the pasta will be done — at that point you're going to toss in your broccoli.
2. Warm your olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the turkey, garlic, onion, fennel seeds and chilis. Cook for about 5 minutes, until the meat is browned.
3. Drain the pasta and broccoli and then add them to the skillet. Toss everything together. Add the stock and toss. Serve in a big bowl sprinkled with lots of Parmesan.

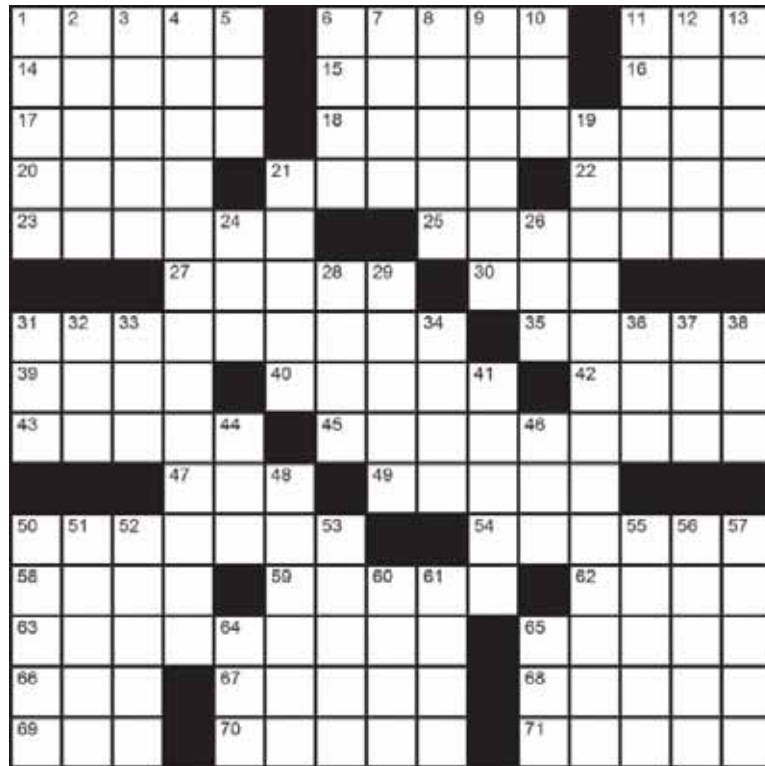
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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## ACROSS

1. Baby kangaroo's snug spot
6. Diminish
11. Curvy letter
14. Vietnam's capital
15. Where Khartoum is the capital city
16. "Monster-in-\_" (2005)
17. Gumbo ingredients
18. Rural municipality in the Interlake area of Manitoba
20. Mr. Simon of plays
21. The Divine Comedy writer
22. Perched on
23. Involve, as an audience
25. Paint thinner, for one
27. Cancels/voids
30. Hillary Clinton \_ Rodham
31. Meeting someone gesture
35. Grab \_ \_ to eat
39. Mr. Baldwin
40. " \_ \_ economy is always beauty." - Henry James
42. Reddish-brown
43. Copper, for one
45. Versatile
47. Ms. Long
49. Alberta village, 'Gateway to the Handhills'
50. Deadlock
54. Canadian boots company since 1910
58. Berth
59. Prices
62. "Look out!" on the golf course
63. South Pacific



archipelago

65. '47 \_' (2013) starring Keanu Reeves
66. Yore's 'before'
67. Latin for 'Courageous and faithful', \_ et fide
68. Hoity- \_
69. Guitar guru Mr. Paul

70. Writer Ms. Ferber's
71. \_ \_ Sketch

## DOWN

1. Ring a friend
2. Like acorned trees
3. Strip the gear from a ship

4. Winnipeg company specializing in hand-poured candles: 3 wds.
5. "Tarzan and \_ Mate" (1934)
6. Cruising on the ship
7. Intense gym workout feeling

8. Prospector's passages
9. Acquire/assume: 2 wds.
10. Nav. designation
11. Uplift
12. Beauty parlour
13. Used a dustpan
19. Comedian known for his Royal Canadian

- Air Force work and for the hockey player character Big Bobby Clobber: 2 wds.
21. New \_ (India's capital city)
24. Astronaut Mr. Grissom
26. Farm's grassy expanse
28. Ms. Turner
29. Ancient poet of Scandinavia
31. Theatre hog
32. Tavern drink
33. Web
34. \_ Stanley Gardner (Perry Mason creator)
36. Payment promise
37. Beige
38. "The \_" by The Doors
41. Converses
44. Fleur-de- \_ [var. sp.]
46. "Macarena" by Los del \_
48. Rise
50. Urge forward
51. Singer/actress Mandy
52. North and South on the globe
53. Reddish-rose dye
55. Ancient Greece column style
56. Sch. subject
57. Where Nairobi is the capital
60. Earth's crust layer
61. \_ New Mexico
64. Kilt-wearer's refusal
65. Driver's path, for short

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You will enjoy what happens today, even if others don't. The influence of Uranus in your sign makes it easier for you to accept upheavals and, while Uranus is moving retrograde, to see the positive in negative.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Someone will find fault with what you do today. Whether or not their comments are fair is beside the point: what matters is that you ignore what they say and carry on.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
There is no point blaming yourself. What has occurred would have happened anyway, so stop beating yourself up and start focusing on things that you can influence.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Have the confidence to try something different today, something that pushes back the boundaries of what you think of as possible. Where both money and work are concerned take chances you would usually avoid.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You are brimming with confidence. The Sun's journey through Sagittarius is coming to and end but you still believe that anything is possible. And it is!

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
The Sun in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart may dampen your plans but in a matter of days your confidence will return and you'll find there is nothing you cannot do.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Don't turn down a promising offer because you're not sure if you're up to the job. You would not have been approached unless people thought you could grow into it quickly.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You won't enjoy being put under pressure today but realize that the experience is not so bad. You need to make changes to your working routine and this will confirm it.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
What happens today will catch you off guard but being the flexible sort you will quickly recover and turn the situation to your advantage. The Sun in your sign will protect you from harm, so why worry?

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Keep your more outrageous thoughts to yourself. It's unlikely that others will understand, still less appreciate them. Make allowances for those whose vision does not stretch as wide or as deep as your own.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You tend to hang back when you should be pushing your way to the front of the queue. Today will make it easier for you to get noticed — so make the effort.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
If something out of the ordinary occurs don't take it seriously or personally. Sometimes things happen for no apparent reason and there is no point getting worked up about it.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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